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SUBJECT: MFN AND EDUCATION TAX

1. MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY FEDOSEYEV, IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSOFF AT SECRETARY SHULTZ ARRIVAL CEREMONY, MARCH 11, STATED THAT HE ENVISAGED NO DIFFICULTY IN POSSIBLE FUTURE ELIMINATION BY SOVIET GOVERNMENT OF APPLICATION OF EMIGRATION EDUCATION TAX. ACCORDING TO FEDOSEYEV, LEVY CURRENTLY BEING APPLIED TO ONLY ABOUT 10 PERCENT OF PEOPLE RECEIVING EXIT PERMISSION. FEDOSEYEV ADDED THAT HE HAD NEVER UNDERSTOOD WHY EDUCATION TAX HAD BEEN INSTITUTED AT THIS IMPORTANT TIME IN SOVIET- US RELATIONS. ARAB COUNTRIES, OF COURSE, HAD BEEN PRESSING FOR DEMONSTRATIVE SOVIET MOVE TO STEM EMIGRATION TO ISRAEL.

2. COMMENT: IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHEHTER FEDOSEYEV' S OPINION WAS ONLY PERSONAL OR REFLECTED SOVIET GOVERNMENTAL THINKING.

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